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CD: How has that day, December 7th, 1941, how'd that change your island?

AS: I don't think it change it in any way, except there were a lot of service people there, the Army. People who lived in the house my parents rented, he was a chief petty officer, and his wife and a little daughter, and of course she was very frightened, and so my oldest sister who wasn't married would go up and stay with her to keep her from being, you know, too frightened. And we listened to the radio a lot, because the radio was our way of knowing what was going on. But as far as, you just lived like you normally lived, but you always had it in the corner of your mind what would happen if the Japanese decided to come back. But you always hoped that the Army and the Navy, you know, was taking care of it.

02:00
CD: Is there anything about that day that I haven't asked you that you would like to share, that you find is important to your experience?

AS: No, I don't think so. It was just a very frightening time. But that's about it.

CD: Alethia, thank you very much.

AS: You're welcome.

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